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There is education is one of the means to this end. By education, I mean such training, development and enlightenment of the mind as comes through or by reading books, papers, magazines and other helps, as are abundantly afforded by the age in which we live. It is next to impossible to persuade a man to unite with others who does not inform himself on those matters and questions which pertain to his personal and country's interest.

Now there has ever been, and ever will be, a sufficiently large per cent. of the white farmers, who come under this ban, to seriously prevent that co-operative union among us that is so essential and desirable, and when we add to these the negro population, which are nearly all engaged in agriculture one way or another, how shall we, with such a preponderance against us, ever be able to so combine and regulate the marketing of our products, and making of our purchases, as to bring to us that remuneration which we so much need and deserve? Therefore I would suggest as another step towards the uplifting of agriculture that the negro be removed from our midst, deported, colonized. This would not help agriculture alone, but would remove a "bone of contention" that has existed among us more than 60 years, and caused more bloodshed and sorrow, more widows and orphans, than perhaps any other evil. This would avoid the bitterness and strife of campaign wrongs. This would leave the crafty politician with one less hobby. Oh! how many evils this would remove, and how many blessings bring.

But there be some who say, This is too big a job—this colonization idea. To this I say, Our country has accomplished greater and more expensive undertakings than this; but none that has, or would bring greater blessings to our people. Again, there are some, like Pharaoh of old, who would not let them go, though they deluge our land in blood, or help to impoverish and degrade the noblest and very foundation class of our land.

How quickly did Georgia's legislature, and how completely, kill the bill to disfranchise the negro when Bishop Turner and his associates began to circulate petitions to Congress to aid them in emigrating to Africa.

But I must close, as I have already written more than I intended when I began.

R. J. WALKER  
Wayne Co., N. C.

#### TIMELY RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

By Warren County Alliance, in Session January 13th, 1900

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

By request of Warren County Alliance, I enclose you the following resolutions, &c., asking that you kindly publish same:

WHEREAS, We believe the tobacco and fertilizer trusts are two of the farmer's greatest enemies; the first has reduced the price of tobacco from year to year and the second has advanced the price of fertilizers. These are stubborn facts which must be met one way or another and will not admit of longer delay by hoping that something will turn up which will enable the farmer to realize cost of production for tobacco and cotton.

Resolved, That we have no hope of relief through Congress or our State legislature, for these bodies have practically ignored everything that tends to build up the interests of farmers where the interest of trusts are in any way involved.

2 That we believe if the farmers in this section had ceased to raise tobacco several years ago and diminished the use of fertilizers, they would today be in a far better condition, financially. Therefore, we request and urge our fellow farmers to get together, organize, help each other and profit by past mistakes. Reduce fertilizer bills half, tobacco and cotton acreage more than half and begin to learn to farm to better their condition, instead of as heretofore executing plans which make them poorer and enrich the trusts that are cheapening everything we have to sell and raising prices on everything we have to buy.

3 That we heartily approve of the steps which are being taken by the tobacco growers to organize, and wish their plans success, but we believe the Farmers' Alliance is the proper channel to fight successfully all combines that have, or may undertake to reduce us to more painful economy and distressing poverty.

J. H. WHITE,  
Secretary Warren Co. Alliance.

ED. PROGRESSIVE FARMER:—I have read the books, "Principles of Agriculture" and "Fertilizers" that you offer with interest. I commend these books to the farmers of the State as being practical and of value to them.

Fraternally,  
T. B. PARKER

#### OPPOSES THE AMENDMENT.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

The proposed Constitutional amendment, being a very important measure, should, I think, be fully discussed in a non-partisan spirit, from the fact that members of all parties are liable to become victims of that law, in case it is ratified. It is a clear fact that there have been laws passed that proved detrimental to the best interests of a majority of the people owing to ignorance on the part of the people of the workings and results of the measure, as, for instance, in the demonetization of silver in 1873. It has been acknowledged by members of Congress that they did not comprehend the scope of that law until its evil effects became prevalent throughout our country.

Therefore it is very important that the voters should study this amendment in a non-partisan light and see whether or not it will be beneficial to a majority of the people. It is hardly presumable that there ever was a law passed that was not beneficial to some people, and this amendment may be. But the duty of the voter is to cast his ballot to bring about laws that will prove to be the greatest good to the greatest number. Some friend sent me a copy of the Raleigh Post, which gave me the details of the workings of the amendment in catechism form, and after studying the measure carefully I have serious doubts of its proving beneficial to the majority of the people.

In the first place, who are most likely to become victims of that law? Is it the wealthy and well-to-do, or is it the laboring man on the farm and in the factory? Most assuredly it will be the laboring man who has neither the means nor the time to prepare himself to meet the requirements of that law.

The next thing to consider is, whose interest is the laboring man identified with; that of combined capital, or the great middle class? Naturally his interest is identical with that of the middle class, and it would be very inconsistent for the farmers or any laboring man to vote to ratify a law that would deprive a great many poor people of the right of suffrage and render them entirely helpless to remedy any evil legislation that may arise in the future; that would be placing them in the same condition as the free negro previous to the civil war—rather worse, subject to taxation without representation.

I oppose the amendment on general principles. It is not only unjust to the intelligent, but contrary to a republican form of government and may not stand the test of the Supreme Court. Some of the advocates of the amendment claim that the prime object is to eliminate the negro from politics. Let the white voters of North Carolina accept such dry rot as that and in 1908 they will find some of their own offspring eliminated from politics and placed on the same footing with the negro. Then they will discover they have bit at the wrong bait.

M. B. WILLIAMS  
Guilford Co., N. C.

#### WORK OF REORGANIZATION TO BEGIN—REFORMATORY FAVORED.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

Owing to continual rain, there was not a quorum present at our latest meeting for Columbus County Alliance. But the adjourned meeting entertained communications from Bro. J. C. Bain, Secretary, and other officials regarding the canvass and work of reorganizing our county, and perhaps other adjoining counties, and notice of appointments will be made as soon as Bro. Bain and the Executive Committee can be consulted as to time and place.

The propriety of memorializing our legislators to make early provision for a suitable reformatory for our many youthful criminals was unanimously favored.

J. F. HARBELL,  
Sec'y pro tem.

#### CUMBERLAND ALL RIGHT.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

The Cumberland County Alliance met with Stewart's Creek Sub. last Thursday. Notwithstanding it rained from 9 o'clock a. m. till 2 o'clock p. m. on that day, by noon delegates had arrived at the place of meeting from five Sub. Alliances. After partaking of a sumptuous dinner spread by members of Stewart's Creek and McLane Sub. Alliances, President J. W. H. Smith called the Alliance to order. The session was harmonious and enthusiastic. After the regular roll of business had been transacted, we adjourned about 4 o'clock p. m., to meet with Gaddie Alliance, second Thursday in April.

We failed to hold a January meeting last year because of bad weather. Our January meeting this year being a success on such an unfavorable day, shows a more determined effort of the brethren in the work of our organization.

J. C. BAIN, Lecturer.

#### OUR NEW ELECTION LAW—SECTION ELEVEN.

At the request of a number of our readers, we give below a copy of the most important section of our new election law. We regret that space forbids the publication of the measure in full:

Section 11. That before the next general election on the first Thursday in August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, provided for in this act, there shall be an entirely new registration of all persons who shall be entitled to register in every voting precinct in the State, and only such persons as are registered shall be entitled to vote in any election held under this act. That in all cases the applicant for registration shall be a sworn by the registrar before being registered and shall state and answer his age, place of residence, stating ward if he resides in an incorporated town or city, number of his house if numbered, and if not numbered then a designation of its locality by street; and if not the owner, then the name of the owner or renter. I not a resident of an incorporated town or city he shall then state his place of residence in the election precinct; and if he is not the owner of the house in which he lives then he shall state the name of the person who does own the same or upon whose land he lives; the time of his residence in said county, ward or election precinct; his avocation, place of business, where and by whom employed if employed; if a newcomer from whence he comes, and his possible address before removal. Whether he has been disqualified as a voter by judgment or decree of any court, if so by what court reinstated; whether he has listed for taxation his poll for the current year in which he proposes to register, and for the year next preceding, if liable to pay a poll tax, and any other questions which may be regarded by the registrar as material upon the question of the identity and qualification of the said applicant to be admitted to registration. The registrar may require the applicant to prove his identity or age and residence by the testimony of at least two electors under oath. And the statements made by the applicant for registration in answer to any of these questions shall be evidence against him in any proceedings for false or fraudulent re-registration. And the registrar shall record the full name by which he is known, his age, occupation, place of birth and place of residence of said elector, the name of the post office, township, county or town from whence the elector has removed, in the event of a removal; by whom employed, if employed; whether he has listed his poll for taxation for the current year in which he applies for registration, and for the year next preceding, if liable to pay a poll tax, in the appropriate column of the registration books, and the registration books containing these records shall be evidence against the applicant in any court of law in a proceeding for false or fraudulent registration. And thereupon if the said registrar shall adjudge the applicant to be duly qualified and entitled to be registered as an elector he shall register the name of the applicant, giving his race opposite to his name on the registration books: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any elector or judge of election on the day of election and when the elector presents himself to vote from challenging the right of the elector to vote. If an elector has previously been admitted to registration in any ward, township or precinct in the county in which he resides he shall not be entitled to register again in another ward, precinct or township in the same county until he produces a certificate of the registrar in the former township, ward or precinct that his name has been erased from the registration books of that ward, precinct or township from which he has removed and the identity of any person claiming the right to be registered in any precinct of the same county by virtue of said certificate with the person named therein shall be proven by the oath of the claimant, and when required by the registrar by the oath of at least one other elector. Every person found and adjudged by the registrar qualified as an elector shall take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina; that I have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for twelve months and of the county of \_\_\_\_\_ for ninety days; that I am twenty-one years of age; that I have not registered for this election in any other ward, precinct or township; that I am the identical person I represent myself to be, and that I am a bona fide resident of \_\_\_\_\_ precinct. So help me, God." And thereupon the said person shall be entitled to register. That if any applicant for registration who is permitted to register shall confess upon his examination under oath at the time he is admitted to registration that he has not listed his poll for taxation for the current year, if the time of his said application is after the time fixed by law for listing taxes in that year, or if he shall admit that he did not list his poll for taxation for the year next preceding, it shall be the duty of the registrar to certify said facts to the clerk of the Superior Court of said county, and the said clerk shall hand such certificate to the solicitor for the district at the next term of the Superior Court, and the solicitor shall without delay draw and send to the grand jury a bill of indictment against such elector or so register for failure to list his poll tax. And if any applicant shall falsely swear he has listed his poll for taxation he shall be guilty of perjury and punished as prescribed by law: Provided, that the answer of the defendant, that he has not listed his poll for taxation, shall not be used against him in any criminal proceeding for a failure to list his poll but it shall be the duty of the solicitor to whom said name is certified, if he shall be satisfied that said alleged delinquent elector is liable to list his poll and that he has failed to do so as required by law, to send a bill of indictment against such delinquent to the grand jury for failure to list his poll.

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